

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Introduction of one year Compulsory Rural Medical / Dental service for the Medical/ Dental graduates (MBBS / BDS) in Andhra Pradesh – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (E1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 165

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ORDER:-

Over 60% of the population in the State residing in the rural areas, face peculiar problems like lesser access to the medical facilities, lack of awareness about the diseases and their prevention and lack of adequate number of doctors, who are properly oriented to treat the health problems in rural settings etc., Diagnosis and treatment of patients in the rural areas, therefore, is very different from that of the patients in the urban areas. Compared to this situation, the current medical education offered through Medical Colleges is significantly urban-oriented and is also biased towards a heavily diagnostic approach as compared to a clinical approach. This results in the Medical/Dental graduates receiving education with certain gaps that impede the evolution of the graduates into full-fledged and effective Doctors. It has been felt essential to fill this gap and provide necessary orientation to the Medical / Dental graduates in the State with a special emphasis on Public Health issues, Health Education, Oral hygiene, National Programs and policies, treatment of diseases like HIV/AIDS, Emergency Care and attending to delivery cases besides the referral care. Despite the fact that some aspects of these essential ingredients of a quality medical / dental education are incorporated into the existing curriculum, especially during the House-Surgency as per the Medical Council of India (MCI) norms, still, it is felt that the emphasis on the subject and peculiar requirement of patients of rural areas is not adequate enough and can be made good only through a guided exposure of the graduate doctors to an environment of rural medical/ dental service.

2) Both in Government and private sector 32 (12+20) medical colleges are producing nearly 3500 MBBS graduates and 20 (3+17) Dental Colleges are producing 1500 BDS Graduates, annually. They need to be essentially sensitized to the requirements of the community and family medicine in a rural setting. It is therefore felt that a one year Medical/ Dental Service in rural areas will not only meet the immediate Medical needs of rural/tribal areas, but also make the young medical graduates, into socially responsible Doctors.

3) After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided to stipulate a “One Year” compulsory rural Medical / Dental service for all the Medical / Dental graduates passing out of the Government Medical & Dental Colleges as well as Private Medical & Dental Colleges in the State.

4) The salient features of the scheme of Rural Service are indicated as follows:-

- (i) These orders shall apply to the MBBS/BDS candidates admitted from the academic year 2010-2011 onwards, and the effect of the same will be realized in the year 2015, i.e., when the 2010 batch completes the graduation course.
- (ii) The Rural Medical / Dental service shall be for a period of one year, immediately following the successful completion of the MBBS / BDS including the completion of house- surgeency. The candidates shall be called as “Junior Residents” during the period of 1 year of rural service.

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- (iii) On successful completion of the one year rural medical / dental service, the candidate will be eligible for a permanent registration with Andhra Pradesh Medical Council.
 - (iv) A consolidated remuneration @ 150% of the stipend payable to house surgeons in 2015 for Junior Residents rendering compulsory rural medical/ dental service in the *rural areas* and 175% of the stipend payable to house surgeons in 2015 for Junior Residents rendering compulsory rural medical / dental service in the *tribal areas* shall be paid.
 - (v) Junior Residents shall be posted to work for one year in the Public Health Centers/ Community Health Centers in various districts, following a transparent system of seeking 5 options and making the allotments strictly based on the merit at the MBBS / BDS examination.
 - (vi) A suitable system of monitoring the performance of the candidates will be introduced separately.
 - (vii) The administrative supervision for the candidates shall be with the District Health Administration and the academic supervision over the candidates shall be the responsibility of the college from where the candidates has graduated. To the extent feasible, the academic supervision shall be conducted through online system so as to minimize the workload on the colleges.
 - (viii) Priority shall be given to Public Health Centre's with vacant posts and Tribal Areas, while giving postings to the Junior Residents.
- 5) The above orders shall apply to the candidates who are admitted to MBBS/BDS for the academic year 2010-11 onwards.
- 6) Suitable orders will be issued separately for the Government / Private (Minority and Non-Minority) institutions by way of amendments to the respective admission rules.
- 7) The Registrar, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences shall make suitable amendments to both the prospectus and the notifications for counseling for filling up of Undergraduate Medical/ Dental seats in the academic year 2010-11.
- 8) The Registrar, A.P. Medical Council, Hyderabad shall initiate action for carrying out appropriate amendment to the A.P. Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1968 and Rules framed thereunder pursuant to the above orders.
- 9) The Director of Medical Education, A.P. Hyderabad shall take necessary action to evolve methodology for issue of certificate on successful completion of one year rural Medical and Dental Service.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Director of Medical Education, A.P. Hyderabad

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